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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED USAF OVERFLIGHTS OF SPAIN

REF: A. MADRID 6075; B. STATE 208063 #

1. IN REPLY MY LETTER QUOTED REF A, FONMIN LOPEZ RODO HAS
JUST SENT ME LETTER QUOTED IN TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

MY DEAR AMBASSADOR AND FRIEND

IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATEMENT YOU MADE YESTERDAY AND
WHICH YOU CONFIRM IN YOUR LETTER OF TODAY THAT THE ROUTES OF
THE TRANSPORT PLANES WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN RESUPPLY OPERATIONS
TO ISRAEL REMAIN AT ALL TIMES OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS, I
MUST POINT OUT TO YOU THAT SINCE SPANISH TERRITORIAL WATERS
ARE SIX MILES IN WIDTH AND THOSE OF MOROCCO 12 MILES, WHILE
THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR HAS A WIDTH OF SEVEN AND A HALF

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MILES IN ITS NARROWEST PART, THE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

REFERRED TO INEVITABLY OVERFLY EITHER SPANISH TERRITORY OR MOROCCAN TERRITORY. IN THIS RESPECT I TAKE NOTE OF YOUR STATEMENT THAT THESE PLANES DO NOT PENETRATE SPANISH AIRSPACE AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CONVEY THIS IN THAT MANNER TO THE MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES IF THEY ASK US ABOUT IT.

I TAKE NOTE, SIMILARLY, AND VERY SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE REPORT OF "EUROPA PRESS" THAT A GREAT NUMBER OF UNITED STATES PLANES WHICH ARE MAINTAINING AN AERIAL BRIDGE HAVE FLOWN IN SPANISH AIRSPACE IN THE SOUTH OF SPAIN AND OVER THE CITY OF ALMERIA, IS COMPLETELY FALSE AND - ONCE AGAIN- THAT THE ROUTES OF THE PLANES OF THE AERIAL BRIDGE DO NOT PENETRATE SPANISH AIRSPACE AT ANY TIME.

ACCEPT, DEAR AMBASSADOR AND FRIEND, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM. END QUOTE

2. THE FOREGOING LETTER SEEMS DESIGNED TO PROTECT GOS TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM AND POSITION IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT INVOLVES CONSIDERATIONS AFFECTING LOS NEGOTIATIONS, REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON REPLYING TO ABOVE LETTER.

RIVERO

NOTE BY OC/T: #REF STATE 208063 BELIEVED TO BE INCORRECT. WILL BE SERVICED UPON REQUEST.

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